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AMERICAN THREE-SQUARE
Scirpus americanus

Located in saline, brackish and fresh marshes and along shores throughout the Division. Also known as Chair-Maker's Rush and Sword-Grass.

A perennial sedge; stems erect, stout, sharply triangular with 2 or 3 concave sides; 0.03 to 1.5 m high; arising from long, dark brown rootstocks. Leaves near the base (1 to 3) are long and narrow, sharp-pointed, keeled, shorter than the stem (usually 5 to 60 cm long); forming a basal sheath. The upper leaf above the spikelets resembles a continuation of the stem; it is slender, erect and pointed, 2 to 15 cm long. A cluster of 1 to 8 oblong-oval, reddish brown color, sharp tipped spikelets originate along the stem (actually at the point where the stem and upper leaf intersect); to 2.5 cm long; fruiting from June to September.

See general description of wildlife value on P. 17.00.